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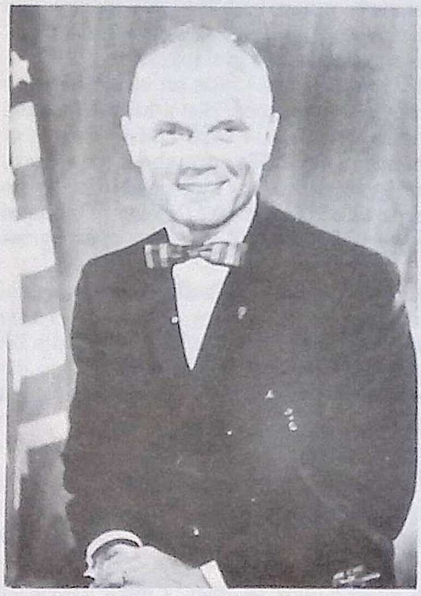


Senator John Glenn is once again receiving a lot of national attention as he makes his bid for the presidency of the United States.

He will, in fact, announce that he is a candidate for president in his hometown of Columbus, Ohio, on April 21st at the John Glenn High School.

On April 25th, he will make a whistle stop tour of Iowa, visiting several major cities on this tour. He will be in Davenport for a short visit some time in the evening. Our school will be invited to send a representative group to meet him. He sends his regrets that he will be in Scott County too late in the day to visit our school on this trip.

Be assured we will continue to try to secure a visit some time during the next year.

John Glenn gained national prominence on February 20, 1962, when he became the first American astronaut to make an orbital flight. He circled the earth three times in just under five hours. His historic flight formally launched America into the Space Age and was followed by many other flights that eventually led to man landing on the moon.

In 1964, he left the space program, and in 1970, he ran for the U.S. Senate in Ohio, but was defeated. He ran again in 1974 and won the election for the Senate seat.

GOOD FOR YOU!

Stage Stars:

Three of our John Glenn students became actors in February when they were chosen to be in the North Scott show, "Auntie Mame." Kevin Grell, Matt Jungmann, and Gary Lindstrom performed at the dinner theater in the new auditorium February 25th and 26th.

We wondered how they happened to get the parts, so we interviewed them.

Kevin said he was chosen for the play because they needed four young actors. The parts were minor, but they had to practice a lot.

Gary played two parts, Michael and young Patrick. He thought he was picked because he was the smallest. He heard about the part because his sister, Jolene, was in the play and she asked him to try out. We asked him if he was nervous. He said, "Yes, very!"

Matt heard about the part because his little brother's baby sitter is the student director.

SOIL CONSERVATION ESSAYS

Heather Snyder and Bill Wiese entered a contest on Soil Conservation. It was because of Mrs. Erps' encouragement they entered. Heather won second place in the junior division and Bill an honorable mention. Hats off to both of you!

In case you missed the essays in the North Scott Press, we have printed them below.

SOIL, OUR FRIEND
By Bill Wiese, sixth grader at John Glenn Elem., Donahue
Honorable Mention

Soil is related to the Earth just as much as the rind is related to an orange. Every soil consists of minerals and organic matter, water and air. Every soil occupies space. As a small segment of the Earth it extends down into the planet as well as over it's surface. It has length, breath and depth. Every soil has a profile–a succession of layers in a vertical section down into loose weathered rock. The nature of the soil profile has a lot to do with the growth of roots, the storage of moisture and the supplies of plant nutrients.

Soil has three natural enemies: water, wind and people. Water can wash away soil if people don't till or plow it around a hill instead of up and down. Wind can blow it away. Soils worst enemy is people. Some people don't seem to care about soil very much these days. Instead of using crop rotation they plant the same crop year after year that can ruin the soil. I care about soil! I'm worried about the soil when I grow up, and when my kids grow up and when their children grow up. I want our rich topsoil to still be around then for them to live on.

HOW SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION AFFECTS ME
By Heather Snyder, 6th grader at John Glenn Elem., Donahue
Second Place Junior Division

People don't think about things like soil and water every time they go swimming or plant a garden. They don't realize how important it really is. Each year there is more and more being wasted away. In many places there is not enough water and the soil is dry and cracked. Other places it floods all the time, and many people are in danger.

Some people have made an effort, to save our precious resources. But adults aren't the only ones who care. I care and so do lots of other kids my age. We care about our future. When I grow up will my kids be able to just go out and swim in the creek? Or play in the sand or the beach? What will it be like when I grow up?

But it isn't all bad, with all the new ways of farming. And reservoirs and man made lakes, those are a great help. Every little bit helps. From the caretakers of parks, to the government actions that the government takes.

But people aren't the only ones who are affected. Animals and plants are affected too.

Such as the fish that swim in our lakes, rivers and oceans. If the waters are all polluted, the fish will die off and fade away. That will cut off a good supply of food. Plants and trees may also disappear because all of the topsoil may be gone. We might be left with just a dry lonely land. And have to wear airmasks whenever we have to leave the indoors because the air is so polluted. But just remember; Soil and Water Conservation does affect everyone and everything.

6 GRADE NEWS

6TH LEVEL NEWS

BY Holly Meyer

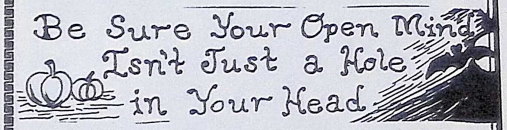
Eleven sixth graders are now in Individualized Reading. They pick a book they want to read out of a selection of 50. After they select a book, the survey and vocabulary questions are answered. They read the book and answer the comprehension and detail questions. After finishing all the questions, they have a personal conference with Mrs. Braunschweig.

In language the sixth level students are using a new book, Tools for Good Language. This is a pilot program which is being used the second semester in their classroom. The topics that they are learning to write are:

1. paragraphs
2. outlines
3. reports
4. interviews
5. friendly letters
6. movie reviews
7. news articles
8. descriptions
9. letters to the editor
10. book review

The students seem to enjoy it more than the regular textbook because it is more of a challenge. Also, in language they are doing learning centers called Green Thumb Grammar. Besides learning about seven parts of speech, they are also learning about 7 different kinds of plants.

Soviet Union is the main topic in social studies class. In addition to doing learning centers about the Soviet Union, they have been watching films and using reference books to answer research questions.



THE GREAT PICKLE RACE

Reporter: Janie Nesbitt

It all began on January 12th in the library. There was a big jar with pickles with questions on them. You had to look in dictionarys, Atlas, Biographical, and geographical dictionarys. The team who did the most won a bar of pickle soap. The boy or girl who answered the most and second most receives a prize. That happened to Mike Ruggeberg. He received a super pickle and second place went to Cabot Edens; he received a big balloon pickle. Hopefully, next year it will be as successful as this year.

HOG JUDGING

by Mary Greve

Guess what happened on February 17 at the Mississippi Valley Fairgrounds in Davenport? It was the day that three kids from John Glenn School went to a hog judging contest.

Travis Ralfs got first place. Mike Greve (a former student of John Glenn) won second, Jon Lafrenz, third, and Mary Greve won fifth place. Most of the kids raise hogs and that's how they learn how to judge.

THANK YOU!

ACTIVITIES

Reporters: Janie Nesbitt
Mary Greeve

This nine weeks there are 35 different activities to chose from. They are listed below.

Activate Your Positive
Aerobics
Babysitting
Basketball
Blockcarving
Bingo
Book Writing
Caligraphy
Candle Making
Cards
Chess & Checkers
Cooking with Wheat
Crocheting
Cut and Paste
First Aid
Games
Getting Caught Up
I Am Me
Latch Hooking
Library Helpers
Math Games
Mini Cooking
My Story
Newspaper
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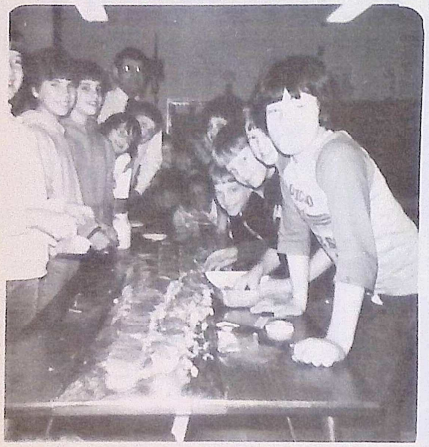
Teacher Helper
T.V. Reading
Volleyball



Above, Mr. Ragona and class are shown with one of their famous submarine sandwiches.

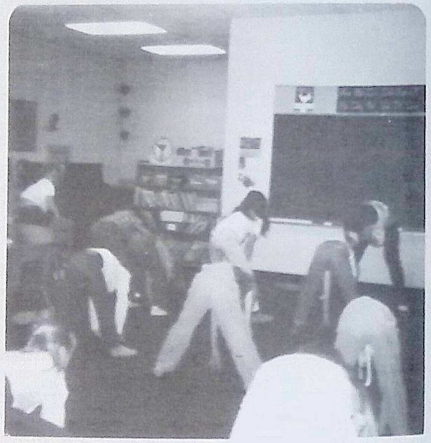
Many parents helped us out this past nine weeks with our activity classes. We thank them for all their help and really appreciate them giving up their time for us. Below and on the following page are some of the activities they taught.

AEROBICS

by Janie Nesbitt
and Mary Greve

Mrs. Schoenthaler teaches aerobics on Wednesdays. She also teaches the class to adults on Wednesday and Thursday. She's been involved in aerobics for five years now. Becky says she doesn't have a special diet, she just eats the four food groups. The reason she took the activity is because she really enjoys it.

Mrs. Peel also taught aerobics on Fridays. Below they go through some of their strenuous routines.



This nine weeks Mrs. Schnoor taught Cooking With Wheat. Some of the things they made are, wheat bread, french toast, and pizza.

Some comments from the class were, "Interesting" - Sara Arp and "Good" - Leah Cafer.

STAMP COLLECTING

Mrs. Lages and Mrs. Looney are teaching Stamp Collecting for an activity this quarter. Mrs. Lagey started in 1973 and formed a club in Long Grove three years ago. This is her first year at John Glenn.

Mrs. Looney started in 1977. They enjoy working with the 25 students.

CANDLE MAKING

Mrs. Yates taught candle making this quarter. She started 8 years ago.

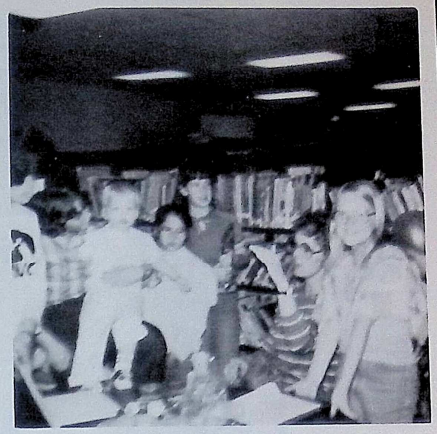
We asked Becky Brannam what she thought of the class. She replied, "Neat!" Stephanie McDonald said, "O.K., but dipping takes a while." "It takes a long time, said Shelly Lafrenz, "but it's fun" Jesse Peterson said, "It's neat when the wax is hot!"

MINI COOKING

Reporters: Kym Gradin
Chris Baker

Mrs. Snyder has been teaching a Friday class in Mini Cooking. There are seven girls in her class. Heather told her mom that some girls were interested in Mini-Cooking and all the classes were filled.

They have made pizza, tacos, brownies, and a breakfast.



BABY SITTING

Reporters: Kym Gradin
Chris Baker

Nancy Risius has been teaching baby sitting to thirteen girls this past quarter. She got started because she thought that not enough parents were volunteering for the activities. So she volunteered and thought baby sitting would be good for the girls to learn. Right now they have been learning about safety.

She has three kids of her own; a third grader, a first grader, and one a year and a half old.

CROCHETING

Reporters: Janie Nesbitt
Mary Greve

We asked Mrs. Erbst if she liked teaching the activity called crocheting. She said, "I like it a lot." She has been crocheting since third grade.

There are seven people in this activity and they are making oreo cookies. (They're neat!) Mrs. Erbst's daughter, Alice, thinks it's hard. Elizabeth Carlson thinks it's easy so far.

REMEMBER MR. G.?

Remember Mr. Garrington? We decided to write him a letter and see how he's doing in Germany.

Here's our letter to him.

Feb. 2, 1983

Cpt. & Mrs. S. P. Garrington
Box 218 SVC 2/3 FA
APO NY 09077

Dear Mr. G.,

We're writing for the school newspaper. We would like a letter back. When you write back, it will be published in the paper. Please send us a snapshot of something. When you write, please write to the whole school.

How are you doing? We're all fine. The school has changed very little in the year that you've been gone. There has been two changes; Mrs. Strickland is teaching Math and Mrs. Collins is teaching 5th grade home room. Mr. Ragona still makes long speeches.

Yours truly,
Roving Reporters,
Chris Baker and Kym Gradin

Here's Mr. Garrington's letter to us:

Dear Kids of John Glenn School,

I am enclosing a picture of myself and Mrs. Garrington. I am in a uniform that is called "Dress Blues." We were on our way to a General's reception and fancy dress Ball that night.

You asked what I am doing. Well, a day goes something like this:

0530 up, shave and dress
0600 drive to work, check for messages
0630 P. T. with my men (40 sit-ups, 25 push-ups, 2 mile run)
0700 shower, put on clean uniform
0730 eat breakfast
0800 meet with my Lt. and First Sergeant - plan the day, have the first formation, and start the work day
0900 Do office paperwork, answer mail, sign papers, etc.
1000 Go to my other office, check on work there, review daily files on cash flow, fuel consumption, order for spare parts.
1200 Lunch
1230 Meet with Lt. - Review morning and afternoon
1300 (1:00 p.m.) Mid-day formation, march Battery to the Motor Park where we work on my 26 vehicles and try to keep each one ready to go to war.
1600 (4:00 p.m.) check in second office - give final instructions
1630 final clean up and formation (unless we have to work at night) dismiss troops.
1700 (5:00 p.m.) Evening meeting with the Col. or Major planning and working out problems.
1800 or 1830 (6:00 or 6:30) meeting ends, drive home
1900 (7:00) arrive home, end of day except for final call from my Lt.

In a year and five months, we will return to Davenport and North Scott. I look forward to starting into teaching again. Last week I was interviewed by some security personel so I could get a higher security clearance. (I am at "Secret" now.)

Please send me a copy of the school newspaper. If you have any questions just let me know.

Tomorrow is Sunday and I'll go to chapel with the family. The chapel is on post next to where the M113 "Tank Killers" are parked. It's interesting.

Love to all,

Mr. G. (Cpt. G.)

Now Who's That?

SPORTS PAGE!

"IOWA"

Reporters: Mike Reese
Nick Ash
Jason Cummings

Iowa is a four letter word. The basketball team is still alive in the big ten despite a 4-4 record. Iowa went straight to the bottom of the league in their first game; a 62-60 disappointing loss to Michigan State. There was 10 seconds left. Iowa had the ball. Hansen made the three pointer to win, but Carfino stepped out of bounds.

If you look in the standings, Iowa is clinging to the top three. Iowa played Indiana January 29th. The reason we think Iowa won, was because the defense shut Kellog and Ketelar down.

Here are some comments on how Iowa is doing as of Feb. 4th.

Mrs. Erps: She thinks they're doing fine and thinks they'll finish in the top half of the big ten.

Mike Reese: They're great, but they need room for improving.

Mr. McQuary: The players aren't playing up to their potential, and Lute Olsen isn't coaching well from the bench.

Jason Cummings: They're playing well.

THE STANDINGS
2/4/83

	W	L
Indiana	6	2
Minnesota	6	2
Illinois	5	3
Iowa	4	4
Purdue	4	4
Ohio State	4	4
Michigan State	3	5
Northwestern	3	5
Wisconsin	2	6
Michigan	1	7

WRESTLING

During March, nine John Glenn students went to a wrestling practice for one week at the High School. Four of them attended four different tournaments later in the month.

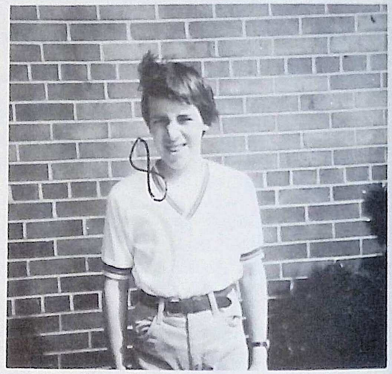
Those four were Tony Meyer, Brad Buck, Josh Moeller, and Martin Costello.

Josh received a second place in the first and third tournaments and a fifth place in the second tournament.

Brad won all in his class in the first tournament, but was beat by Tony in the second. In the third and fourth tournaments, he placed fifth.

Tony placed first in the first three tournaments and third in the last tournament at Bettendorf.

The Lancer Midwest Tournament involved almost 300 kids, including girls. Josh said it was a big meet and well run.



Here's Tony, the highest scoring of the four boys. He had many medals to show us, but the camera wasn't working that day!

MORE SPORTS.....

WOULD YOU BELIEVE.....

KAREEM ABDUL-JABBAR STUFFS PHYS-ED TEACHER

Reporter: Mike Reese

Kareem Abdul-Jabbar, all-star basketball player for the Los Angeles Lakers, seriously injured a Phys-Ed teacher in a one-on-one basketball game.

Mr. McQuary is in serious condition at Mercy Hospital with net burns around his neck and a rim jammed around his waist.

According to a witness, McQuary foolishly challanged Abdul-Jabbar to a one-on-one basketball game.

The incident happened with five seconds left in the game. According to reports, the score was tied at 98-98 when Abdul-Jabbar stole the ball and was all alone going to the basket and McQuary reached in and batted the ball out-of-bounds. But Kareem was moving too fast and mistook McQuary for the basketball. He picked him up, held him in his hand and slam-dunked hin through the 10 foot basket!

All donations should be sent to John Glenn Elementary to replace the rim.

THE SUPER BOWL

Reporters: Mike Reese
Nick Ash

Miami vs. Washington
Miami 17 Washington 27 Final

On January 30th, in the seventeenth Super Bowl in Pasedena, Ca., Miami bit the dust.

Washington called their line the "Hogs" and their ends the "Smurfs". One play was Riggens left, Riggens right, pass to a Smurf. All the Hogs did the high five on a touchdown.

Miami's "Killer Bees" came out buzzing in the first half, but Washington stopped the sting in the second half. Riggens ran for 166 yards on 37 carries. And Thiesman passed for more than was necessary to win the game.

Here are some comments on the Super Bowl:

Mrs. Jansen, "Boring!"

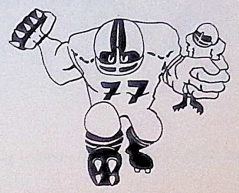
Bryan Albers, "Great, because the Redskins won."

Mr. Ragona, "A great game, because it went my way!"

Mike Ruggeberg, "I didn't watch it."

Mrs. Collins, "I'm tired of football and can't bear with it for 12 months a year."

One reporter thought it was great and one thought it stunk!



SHOW TIME

EULENSPIEGEL PUPPET THEATRE

During the week of January 31 to February 4th, the Eulenspiegel Puppet Theatre was scheduled to be at John Glenn School. They had to miss one of the days because of bad weather, but returned two weeks later to make up the lost day and also to perform for the Parent-Teacher Organization.

The Puppet Theatre consists of two people from Iowa City; Teri Breitbach and Monica Leo. Teri writes the scripts and Monica makes the puppets and props. They began in 1974. Monica started in art school and Teri became an apprentice toymaker under Monica. Monica's favorite puppet is Schulz (one of the student's favorite also) and Teri's favorite is Bart, the Evil King in The Devil's Three Golden Hairs.

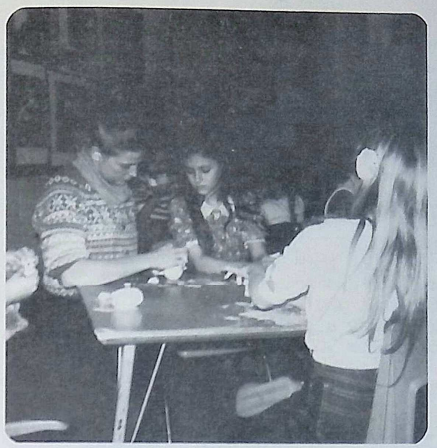
The first day they were here, they performed in the gym for the whole school. Second and fourth graders were shown how to make puppets and each made their own and learned how to manipulate them.

After John Glenn, they were scheduled to perform in Amana, and in the summer, they'll be traveling to New Jersey and Ohio. Their week-long stay was enjoyed by all.

Second graders showing off their puppets.

Teri, Monica, and friends.

Monica helps the 4th grade make puppets.



Here Teri gives Tonya O'Callaghan a few pointers.

Teri performing for the P. T. O.

THE OLD CREAMERY THEATER

by Kym Gradin

On March 3, we had "The Old Creamery Theater". The theater consists of seven members. They are as follows: Dave Berendes is the leader of the group and he started in 1971. Laura Levander just got out of college and started last August. Gene Larche started in 1981 and Dan Wilch started last May. Marquetta Senters joined the group in 1978. Todd Kemmerer began performing with them in May and last but not least, Bruce Springsteen began in 1981.

They all enjoy their job with the theater. While here, they performed several skits. We all enjoyed them. Thanks a lot, "Old Creamery Theater"!

The Old Creamery Theatre in action.

LATCH HOOKING

Also this nine weeks Mrs. Hammes taught Latch-Hooking. She said she first started when she was 30 years old. She enjoys it because it's relaxing.

Some comments were, "It's fun making things." - Angie Peel. "I like it because I like to make rugs, pillows, and wall rugs," - Lana Cummings. "You can make a lot of things and show them at the fair." - Traci Hutson.

CROCHETING

Mrs. Lindstrom taught crocheting on Tuesdays. There were 14 girls in the class and 1 boy.

Some of them knew a little bit about crocheting because they had done some at home. They learned how to follow directions and the basic stitches.

KIDS ON THE BLOCK

Reporter: Mike Reese

Kids on the Block is an organization of three people who set out to make kids realize that disabled or handicapped people are not dumb, stupid, or ignorant.

First they get you acquainted with the seven puppets. They are Mark, Ellen Jane, Brenda, Jennifer, Melody, Renaldo, and Mandy.

Then they perform skits with the puppets and get you more acquainted. After that you can ask questions. Then they play a little game to see if they can guess your brother or sister's name.

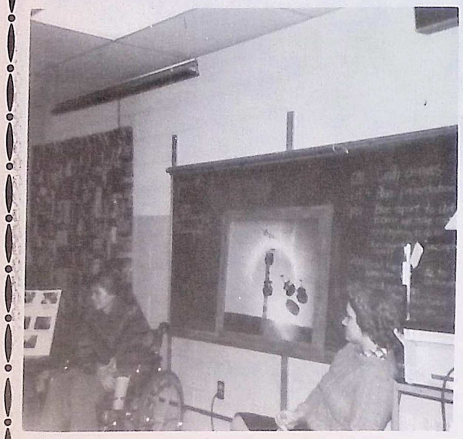
I talked to the 6th graders and they really enjoyed it.

After the Kids on the Block presentation, the 6th graders wrote a paragraph about their favorite puppets.

We wish many more happy years to "KIDS ON THE BLOCK".

In conjunction with Kids on the Block, Cindy Nagle came to visit with us on January 28. Cindy was in an accident that put her in the hospital for 101 days and also paralyzed her from the neck down. Cindy has the use of both arms, but not her fingers. But she can drive and sew.

Some of the questions asked were, "What was the weather like that day?" and "What was it like when you found out you were paralyzed?" Cindy answered these questions thoroughly and told about the spinal cord and how her wheelchair works. She also explained how her van works and even started it. We thank Cindy for sharing her experience with us.



Cindy shows the picture of the accident that happened at an amusement park in Texas.

Here's Cindy showing her van to the sixth graders.

THE MATH BEE

Reporter: Mike Reese

On March 10th, 1983, Area 9 sponsored a Math "Bee". The Math Bee is where five individual 6th graders take a test which holds about 85 problems to do individually, and 9 problems for your group testing. All in all, there were about 100 problems.

There were about 73 schools and a little more than 300 people participating. From John Glenn came Craig Ohl, Jesse Peterson, Katie O'Connor, Holly Meyer, and Mike Reese.

The order of events during the day were as follows: First, the math team had to be at John Glenn at 8:00 a. m. They got to the fairgrounds about 8:40. They registered, saw a few old friends, and went to say "Hello". Then they took their first test. Then second, third, and fourth. S T R E T C H !

Then they sat down and took their fifth, sixth, and seventh test. S T R E T C H again!

The teams then sat in their groups and took a test together. They waited impatiently to see who got 1st place. Ed White handled fourth place, Neil Armstrong won a trip to the state finals by gobbling up third place, while our school handled 20th place. (Not bad out of 73 schools!)

The team was tired, so they stopped at "Happy Joes". While Craig, Jesse, Katie, Holly, and I plowed down a half-sausage-half taco pizza, Mrs. Strickland almost got her hand chopped off!

Then Mrs. Strickland bought us ice cream cones; mine fell on the street and a car ran over it.

The team had a really nice time and hope they can go again in Jr. High.

P. S. THANKS A LOT, MRS. STRICKLAND!

Mandy Knapper singing a solo.

SWING SHOW

by Kym Gradin

On March 9th, the High School Swing Show singers came to our school. There are twenty singers. There were eight songs in all. They are, "I Got the Music in Me","Break It To Me Gently", "Kiss Me In the Rain", "I Return to Music", "Always on my Mind", and a medly of "Charlie My Boy", Toot-Toot-Tootsie Goodbye", and "Yes Sir, That's My Baby".

We were proud to see three former John Glenn students performing in the show; Mandy Knapper, Don Boeding, and Liz Meier.

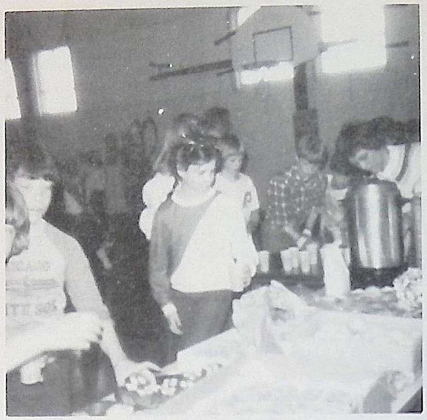
The Swing Show was performed at the new High School Auditorium March 10th, 11th, and 12th. We at John Glenn really enjoyed having a sneak preview.

VALENTINE'S PARTIES

by Kym Gradin

On February 14, the 4th through 6th grades had a party in the gym. In the beginning, Cabot Edens was the only one dancing. They Matt Jamison and Tony Dahms joined in. Soon others had joined the small but noisy bunch. In about five minutes almost everyone but the boys were dancing.

Then they had a special dance to pick a king and queen. At the end of the party, Shelly Lafrenz and Travis Ralfs were crowned King and Queen while 240 balloons were released from the cargo net.



A big variety of refreshments were served.

Waiting to be crowned King and Queen.

KINDERGARTEN PARTY

Reporters: Jason Cummings
Nick Ash

On Monday, February 14, the Kindergarten class had their own Valentine party with a card exchange.

They had treats such as strawberry sundaes and heart-shaped cookies with pink frosting on top. They read their valentine cards to the others.

Zachery Waters brought cookies for the afternoon class and Lisa Szemkus brought for the morning class. Mrs. Wuestenberg brought the strawberries and ice cream.

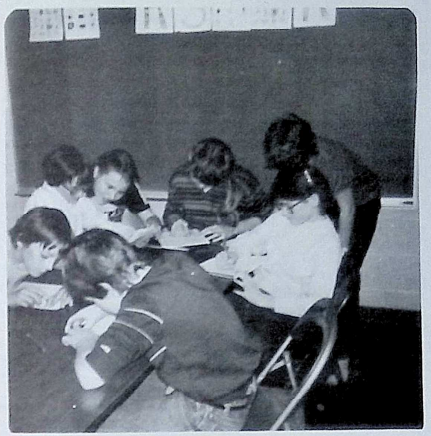
First and Second grades also celebrated Valentine's Day with parties in their rooms.

Shelly Lafrenz and Chad Flynn on the dance floor.

NEWSPAPER STAFF

This nine week's newspaper staff are: Nick Ash
Mike Reese
Jason Cummings
Mary Greve
Janie Nesbitt
Kym Gradin
Chris Baker

Our supervisor and typist is Mrs. Kaczinski.



Here's the newspaper staff hard at work!

Several members of the Tri-City Symphony came to our school in March. They showed us what each instrument sounded like alone and then put them all together. Here two of the ladies demonstrate the flute and the violin. It was an interesting and informative show. Everyone enjoyed it.

NEW STUDENTS THIS QUARTER

Jennette Barrios is a new fourth grader this quarter. She came from Walcott, but likes Glenn best. The people are nicer and she likes activity.

Spring Briggs also came from Walcott. She liked Walcott best because they read a lot and don't get pushed around. Spring is in Mrs. Speth's class.

Joel Berrie came from Washington School. She likes Glenn best because she likes the teachers and students. Joel is in Mrs. Stokes' class.

John Knapper came from Walcott. He likes the school better than any other he's ever been to. He likes activity class the best. John is in the third grade.

Karla Elfgen and Mande Shirey have joined Mrs. Stokes class also. Karla came from Davenport and Mande is a former John Glenn student.

Sharon Elfgen is in Mrs. Porth's second grade class. She also came from Davenport.

Kerre Shirey and her brother, Daron are also former students that decided to come back to Glenn. Kerre is in third grade and Daron is in fifth.

Chris Tyler has also returned to John Glenn this year. He is in the third grade.

WELCOME TO ALL THE NEWCOMERS!

TESTING! TESTING!

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Reporters: Mike Reese
Jason Cummings

On January 24th, the student body started taking the Iowa Test of Basic Skills. The first morning the students came in, there were OOHS!, BOOS! and BLAHS! But by the time it was up (4 days) the kids felt better.

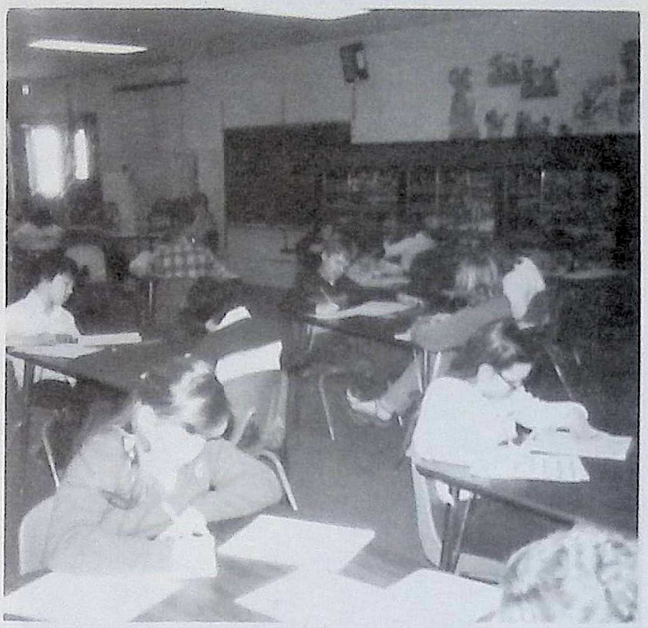
Some of the kids just like the test because they get to go outside twice as much as they did before.

To tell you the truth, the ones who took the test were lucky. But the ones who had to make it up were unlucky.

On Jan 27th, the test was over! And the students were relieved.

Results of the test were discussed at the end of the quarter during parent-teacher conferences.

Below is a scene during Basic Skills Week. Everyone really gets down to business!



BACKWORD BILL.

Backword Bill, Backword Bill,
He lives way up on a Backword Hill,
Which is really a hole in the sandy ground
(But that's a hill turned upside down).

Backword Bill's got a backword shack
With a big front porch that's built out back.
You walk through the window and look out the door
And the cellar is up on the very top floor.

Backword Bill he rides like the wind
Don't know where he's going but sees where he's been.
His spurs they go "neigh" and his horse it goes "clang"
And his six-gun goes "gnab", it never goes "bang".

Backword Bill's got a backword pup,
They eat their supper when the sun comes up,
And he's got a wife named Backword Lil,
"She's my own true hate," says Backword Bill.

Backword Bill wears his hat on his toes
And puts his underwear on over his clothes,
And come every payday he pays his boss,
And rides off a-smilin' a-carryin' his Hoss.

Shel Silverstein